

**Sacramento River Conservation Area Forum
Board of Directors Meeting
Minutes**

January 19, 2006
3:00 p.m.

Monday Afternoon Club
Willows, CA

Vice Chair Glenn Hawes called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m., followed by self-introductions. It was determined there was a quorum of voting members present (underlined).

<u>County</u>	<u>Public Interest</u>	<u>Landowner</u>	<u>Agency</u>
Butte	<u>Jane Dolan</u>	(Shirley Lewis)	
Colusa	<u>Gary Evans</u>	<u>Ben Carter</u>	
Glenn	(Denny Bungarz)	(Don Anderson)	
Shasta	<u>Glenn Hawes</u>	<u>Dan Gover</u>	
Sutter	(Dan Silva)	(Russell Young)	
Tehama	<u>Ron Warner</u>	<u>Brendon Flynn</u>	
Yolo	(Duane Chamberlain)	<u>Marc Faye</u>	
Resources Agency			<u>Jim McKeivitt</u>
Cal DWR			Dwight Russell
Cal DFG			Diana Jacobs
State Reclamation Board			Lady Bug Doherty
USF&WS			Shannon Holbrook
USCOE			(Brandon Muncy)
Bureau of Reclamation			(Frank Michny)

Names listed in parentheses represent absences

SRCAF: TAC Vice Chair Stacy Cepello, Manager Burt Bundy, Assistant Ellen Gentry, Resource Conservation Assistant Beverley Anderson-Abbs

Other identified attendees: John Merz, Sacramento River Preservation Trust; Dan Efseaff, River Partners (RP); Suellen Rowlison, RP; Julie Pokrandt, RP; Sue Sutton, Family Water Alliance (FWA); Jeff Sutton, FWA; Debbi Lemburg, FWA; Mike Fehling, CA State Department of Parks and Recreation; Woody Elliott, Department of Parks and Recreation; Gregg Werner, The Nature Conservancy; Brendan Reed, California Bay-Delta Authority (CBDA); Rhonda Reed, CBDA; Jay Chamberlin, Resources Agency; Armand Gonzales, Department of Fish and Game (DF&G); Tina Cannon, DF&G; Sandy Morey, DF&G; Joan Philippe, City of Colusa; Jon Mulder, Department of Water Resources (DWR); Annalena Bronson, Reclamation Board, DWR; Vickie Newlin, DWR Conservation, Butte County; Anjanette Martin, Colusa Basin Drainage District; Scott Clemons, Wildlife Conservation Board; Heather Hacking, Chico Enterprise Record; John Amaro, Glenn County Board of Supervisors.

2. Unscheduled matters

Annalena Bronson introduced Ben Carter as one of the new Reclamation Board appointees, and noted the previous Reclamation Board's support for the SRCAF, but that the new Board had not reaffirmed that position at this time.

John Merz announced the 7th Annual Snow Goose Festival begins January 27-29, with field trips throughout the North Valley, complimented by a series of presentations and workshops. The Art

Show exhibit will start January 25 at the Chico Art Center. A banquet and silent auction will also be held at the Sierra Nevada Brewing Company on the 28th.

3. Consent Calendar

The following changes were made to the December 1, 2005 Board meeting notes:

- 1) Under Agency Reports, Diana Jacobs revised the paragraph regarding DWR to read:
“Diana Jacobs reported DWR has convened with the Corps, Rec Board, and F&W (among others) regarding permitting of flood control maintenance. The Colusa Sub-reach Plan is being looked at to tag onto. Vickie Newlin, CBDA, added website links are available.
Originally, CBDA inherited the Ecosystem Restoration Program (ERP) from CALFED and, in the near future the CBDA will complete transition of the ERP to Department of Fish and Game (DFG). Bond funds for ERP projects, such as Hamilton City, which were in the CBDA budget will be transferred to the DFG in this transition. Diana also stated that negotiations are ongoing to provide funding from different water users, using the processes of federal Habitat Conservation Plans (with NMFS and USFWS) and state Natural Community Conservation Plans (DFG).”
- 2) Under Agency Reports, in the paragraph regarding Les Heringer’s M&T update, Stacy Cepello eliminated the sentence: “They want to drape visquene on the bank if the project can’t be done before March, to protect against further erosion.”
- 3) Under Board Committee Reports, in the Llano Seco Riparian Sanctuary paragraph, Gary Evans noted the motion passed by a majority vote.

Glenn Hawes moved to adopt the minutes of the December 1, 2005 meeting with the above changes, seconded by Ron Warner. Motion passed by unanimous vote. The Executive Committee notes were accepted by consensus.

4. Election of Officers and Naming of Committee Chairs

Jane Dolan presented the Board Development Committee’s nominations for the 2006 officers and Executive Committee as follows: Chair-Glenn Hawes, Vice Chair-Russell Young, Secretary/Treasurer-Jim McKeivitt, Past Chair-Marc Faye, Public Interest Representative-Jane Dolan, Landowner Representative-Brendon Flynn, and Agency Representative-Diana Jacobs. The Board Development Committee also recommended the appointments of TAC Chair-Ajay Singh, and TAC Vice Chair-Stacy Cepello. Jane Dolan moved to accept the 2006 nominations and appointments, seconded by Dan Gover. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

5. Agency Reports

Manager Bundy reviewed the 2005 SRCAF Annual Report. No Advisory Council meeting has been held, in which the Annual Report is presented, however this meeting may be combined with the June meeting/BBQ. Burt pointed out the Legaci strawman conceptual model, included in the Report, was used in the PSP grant application.

6. Request for Non-support of Restoration

Ben Carter stated the issue is that the Good Neighbor Policy (GNP) has not been successful after efforts and requests for agency implementation. He stated many volunteer and agency members

of the SRCAF Board have been attempting the GNP over the last five years, and that he has personally invested thousands of dollars to bring balance to the process, as in the SRCAF Handbook and Strategic Plan. He welcomed something other than business as usual, noting the SRCAF has accomplished many good things, but Colusa Subreach Planning (CSP) and landowner surveys do not talk about actual sentiments of landowners.

Ron Warner mentioned the Tehama County Board of Supervisors Resolution to support and encourage the SRCAF and recommended not withdrawing, but utilizing representatives as needed. Jim McKevitt recommended agreeing on those (GNPs) that you can and continuing to work on and solve those with legal impediments. Diana Jacobs noted that fundamentally business is not done as usual, because of the SRCAF; Policies 1 and 2 have been implemented, and agencies come to the TAC meetings to daylight projects. She stated work stopped because of legalities, but that landowners can come before the TAC and SRCAF for resolving issues (i.e., Les Heringer). Gary Evans stated that with a time out, energies can be redirected to the landowners' assurances policy. Glenn Hawes felt a time out was not needed to make this happen.

Tina Cannon, DF&G, reported that many of the 24 items in the GNP were so broad they were not subject to the legal process, and there are no alternatives tied to non-legal claims. The legal issues are not so broad and have specific remedies already in place.

Brendon Flynn pointed out that it is the will of the people of California that restoration will occur, and if we withdraw support for all restoration, our voice on specific projects will not be heard. The SRCAF can send a message if a project is voted against, but neither the process, nor the funding is stopped. Ben added that frustration came out of a Sacramento meeting where no alternatives were offered by agencies. Gary added that the GNP must be "implementable".

Diana pointed out the 77,000 acres of river corridor involved in farm bills and support of farming and flood control. Agencies are willing to work on the two unresolved GNP items, and she recommended the Board set a time frame to complete them. She pointed out that landowner incentives are different from the GNP, mentioning the SRCAF Landowner Incentives Workshop held last year. Jane Dolan noted the Board is supportive, has made great headway, and suggested bringing the issues before a Board committee.

Ben Carter moved for the SRCAF to withdraw restoration within the SRCA until tangible landowner assurances are implemented, seconded by Gary Evans. The motion did not pass, with seven dissensions. Gary stated that Colusa County offers incentive to accomplish finalizing the GNP, and will be exercising their veto power until landowner assurances is in place.

Burt suggested the Board appoint a committee to identify possible recommendation(s) for addressing GNP issues and volunteered to facilitate and coordinate that effort. He commented that the current GNP is a draft, then distributed and reviewed the six identified GNP Policy Action items. Jim McKevitt moved to adopt the action items and, with a selected Board Committee, continue to work on others; seconded by Jane Dolan. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Jeff Sutton stated he couldn't be more disappointed in the Board, not allowing public comment, ignoring three letters from farm bureaus and the Colusa County resolution. He said Tehama

County is pushing this, and that not one project approved by the Board has abided by the SRCAF Handbooks principles and guidelines. Addressing landowner concerns has been dodged. He said the veto applies to Colusa Subreach Planning.

Brendon noted there are constituents in these counties with a no-win situation, and if SRCAF can address and agree upon some of these issues people will come back to the table.

John Merz stated the SRCAF is a 501 (c) (3) being manipulated by Family Water Alliance and their agenda, and that no county should be able to tell this organization what to do. Although there are different agendas, there is still equal standing.

Anjanette Martin asked about the letter referenced in the December 1, 2005 minutes. Lady Bug Doherty also asked the chair to request the manager write a letter to Ryan Broddrick and Wayne White. Burt said he would work with Ben on that.

The Board Committee volunteers were as follows: Chair Brendon Flynn (Landowner Rep.), Ben Carter (Landowner Rep.), Marc Faye (Landowner Rep.), Diana Jacobs (DF&G Rep.), Catrina Martin (F&WS Rep.), Jim McKevitt (Public Interest Rep.), and Gary Evans (Public Interest Rep.). It was noted that no one on the Board is precluded from serving. Burt will ask for direction ASAP.

7. Board Committee Reports

Beverley Anderson-Abbs gave a report on the Working Landscapes Grant Proposal submitted December 15, 2005. She pointed out that there are three landowner pilot projects included, and two other landowners have expressed interest in the mitigation and conservation banks. With the grant in place, SRCAF can assist with groundwork and funding opportunities for landowners.

Stacy Cepello gave the TAC report. He relayed Ernie Ohlin's request to continue with the pumping issue at Llano Seco, and that Ernie was complimentary of the project. In Gregg Werner's update at the TAC, the CSP has let contracts with EDAW for cross boundary regulatory federal endangered species act and pest species. The overlap of cross boundary issues at the TAC will allow working closely with the CSP group and relaying of information. Gary suggested funneling information from the newly formed committee to CSP.

8. Future Meeting Dates

The next Executive Committee meeting is scheduled for 2:30PM (**please note time change**), March 16, 2006. The Board meeting will follow at 4:00PM (**please note time change**). The Annual Board Meeting/BBQ was set for May 25 in the Hamilton City area. Glenn volunteered to cook.